# Children's Defense Fund

# Children in Montana

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223,486 children live in Montana: 179,958 are White, non-Hispanic

1,264 are Black

10,829 are Hispanic

1,204 are Asian

21,284 are American Indian/Alaska Native

10,870 are two or more races

#### In Montana:

A child is abused or neglected every 6 hours.

A child dies before his or her first birthday every 4 days.

#### Montana Ranks:\*

14th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.

Best state is South Dakota; worst state is Mississippi

25th among states in its infant mortality rate.

Best state is New Hampshire; worst is the District of Columbia

26th among states in per pupil expenditures.

The District of Columbia is best; Utah is the worst state

[\*1st represents the best state for children and 51st represents the worst state for children in the country]

### Child Poverty in Montana

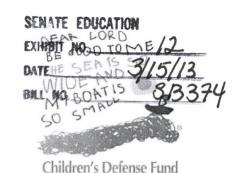
Number of poor children (and percent poor)	43,818 (20.1%)
Number of children living in extreme poverty (and percent in extreme poverty)	20,975 (9.6%)
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary	
Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	8,634
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$504

## Child Health in Montana

Number of children without health insurance (and percent uninsured) Number of children enrolled in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	19,041 (8.8%) 25,231
CHIP eligibility: 250 percent of federal poverty (\$57,625 for a family of four)	
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	70,175
Children as a percent of total Medicaid enrollment	55.0%
Medicaid and CHIP participation rate	29.7%
Medicaid expenditures on children as a percent of total Medicaid expenditures	78.9%
Percent of two-year-olds not fully immunized	39.6%

# Child Hunger in Montana

Number of children who receive SNAP (food stamps)	48,000
Percent of eligible persons who receive SNAP (food stamps)	65%
Number of children in the School Lunch Program	87,622
Number of children in the Summer Food Service Program	7,034
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program	
for Women, Infants, and Children)	20.164



Early Childhood Development in Montana Percent of children under age 6 with all parents in the labor force Number of children served by Head Start Number of children served by the Child Care Development Fund/CCDBG Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center Percent of 3-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs Percent of 4-year-olds enrolled in state pre-k, Head Start, or special education programs	64.6% 5,414 4,000 \$7,800 14.9% 22.1%
Education in Montana	
Annual expenditure per public school pupil Percent of public school fourth graders:	\$10,189
unable to read at grade level	64.3%
unable to do math at grade level	54.7%
Percent of public school eighth graders:	
unable to read at grade level unable to do math at grade level	58.5% 54.4%
Number of 16- to 19-year-olds who have dropped out of high school	3,560
Child Welfare in Montana Number of children who are victims of abuse and neglect Number of children in foster care Number of children adopted from foster care Number of grandparents raising grandchildren	1,383 1,723 191 6,931
Youth at Risk in Montana	
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds not enrolled in school and not high school graduates	6.3%
Averaged freshman high school graduation rate	82.0%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds unemployed	25.1%
Number of juvenile arrests  Number of children and teens in juvenile residential facilities	5,552 161
Ratio of cost per prisoner to cost per public school pupil	3.48
Number of children and teens killed by firearms in homicides	n/a
Number of children and teens killed by firearms in suicides	n/a

This fact sheet contains the most recent data as of January 26, 2012. For data sources and methodological notes, please visit: <a href="https://www.childrensdefense.org/cits">www.childrensdefense.org/cits</a>.

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